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### **WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$750,000 TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER**

WICHITA, Kan. -- United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has awarded Wichita State University a grant totaling \$750,000.**

This grant was awarded under the COPS grant program as part of \$23 million in grants to support a national network of 31 law enforcement training centers. The training centers, known as Regional Community Policing Institutes, are strategically located throughout the country to address regionally specific crime prevention training needs of law enforcement agencies and communities.

Regional Community Policing Institutes are typically based at a college or university and provide community policing training and technical assistance to both law enforcement officers and members of the community that work collaboratively with local law enforcement. Since 1997, when the Regional Community Policing Institutes were introduced, they have trained nearly 210,000 officers and citizens across the country.

The Regional Community Policing Institute at Wichita State University provides training and technical assistance to Kansas and Nebraska in all aspects of community policing. The Institute places a strong emphasis on teaching small law enforcement departments how to use technology to benefit their operations.

For additional information visit <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>.